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In re Application of:

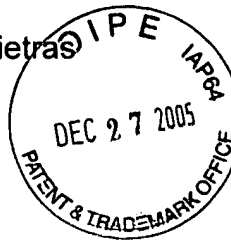
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR CONNECTING
TUBULARS USING A TOP
DRIVE



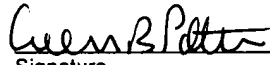
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 22, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.